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SUBJECT: UNSSOD PREPCOM V: STATUS OF DRAFTING GROUPS
ACTIVITY

1. PREPCOM V EFFORTS THROUGH APRIL 7 HAVE BEEN FOCUSED
ON WORK OF DRAFTING GROUPS ON DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT
AND ON PROGRAM OF ACTION. CURRENT STATUS OF THOSE
EFFORTS IS AS FOLLOWS:

DECLARATION

2. DECLARATION DRAFTING GROUP HAS COMPLETED A FIRST ROUND
EFFORT TO REDUCE NUMBER OF BRACKETS AND, IN SOME CASES,
REVISE LANGUAGE OF THE DECLARATION TEXT CONTAINED IN
CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER 15 PRODUCED BY PREPCOM IV. PROGRESS
HAS BEEN MADE IN REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF TEXT REMAINING IN
BRACKETS. NEVERTHELESS, A NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVE FORMULA-
TIONS REMAIN FOR CONSIDERATION AND A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS
HAVE INDICATED THEY HAVE "MENTAL BRACKETS" REGARDING SOME
OF THE UNBRACKETED TEXT PRODUCED. A REVISED TEXT RESULT-
ING FROM THIS EFFORT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO PREPCOM CHAIRMAN
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ON APRIL 10 AS A TENTATIVE WORKING DRAFT. CURRENT PLAN IS
FOR THIS DRAFTING GROUP TO TURN TO DISARMAMENT MACHINERY
ON APRIL 10 AND LEAVE DECLARATION TEXT FOR STUDY BY
DELEGATIONS AND INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS, WITH WORKING GROUP
RETURNING TO DECLARATION TEXT PERHAPS ON APRIL 14.

3. NO REAL EFFORT HAS BEEN YET MADE TO COME TO

GRIPS WITH NONPROLIFERATION LANGUAGE. U.S., AFTER CONSULTING WITH KEY ALLIES, HAS GIVEN NONPROLIFERATION LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN PARA 10 OF DECLARATION TEXT APPROVED BY BACKSTOPPING COMMITTEE TO YUGOSLAV DEL FOR CONSIDERATION AS ROCK BOTTOM COMPROMISE LANGUAGE. FURTHER ACTION ON THIS WILL AWAIT YUGOSLAV REACTION.

4. NEW DECLARATION WORKING TEXT WILL BE HANDCARRIED TO WASHINGTON BY AMBASSADOR FISHER APRIL 8.

PROGRAM OF ACTION

5. AS A RESULT OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATION IN A SMALLER SUBGROUP OF KEY STATES, AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE CTB TEXT AS REPORTED IN USUN 1307. THE SOVIETS HAVE TOLD US THEY WANT TO DEFER FURTHER WORK ON THE SALT SECTION AND ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE PREPARED BY MEXICANS UNTIL THE SPECIAL SESSION. AT THE REQUEST OF THE INDIAN REP ON BEHALF OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP, SOVIETS AND WE HAVE AGREED TO TRY TO PRODUCE A TEXT ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AT THIS PREPCOM. IN THE MEANTIME, THE DRAFTING GROUP IS NOW ENGAGED IN REDRAFTING THE SECTIONS ON NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONES AND ZONES OF PEACE. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CHAPTERS IV-VI ON CBMS, DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, STUDIES AND INFORMATION -- I.E., THE SECTIONS ON WHICH CONFIDENTIAL

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THERE WAS NO TIME AT PC IV TO DO MORE THAN COMPILE PROPOSALS. IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT INTERESTED STATES WILL GET TOGETHER TO WORK ON DRAFTING THESE SECTIONS.

6. THE DRAFTING GROUP HAS ALSO CONDUCTED AN EXTENSIVE BUT INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION ON THE DIFFERING CONCEPTUAL APPROACHES TO THE PROGRAM OF ACTION. THE MEXICAN REP RENEWED HIS PROPOSAL FOR DIVIDING THE PROGRAM INTO SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM CATEGORIES. THE BRITISH SUGGESTED THREE CATEGORIES OF PROPOSALS: THOSE WHICH ARE ACCEPTABLE NOW (I.E., SALT II, CTB AND CW); IDENTIFIABLE AS NEGOTIABLE (NONPROLIFERATION, SECURITY ASSURANCES); AND THOSE WHICH MUST BE DEFERRED FOR THE VERY LONG TERM AND EVENTUAL CONSIDERATION FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM (WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS, END OF ALLIANCES). SOVIETS OBJECTED TO SHORT TERM/LONG TERM DISTINCTION. SUGGESTED INSTEAD THAT EFFORT BE MADE TO IDENTIFY ELEMENTS ON WHICH EVERYONE COULD AGREE ON THEIR INCLUSION, AND THOSE WHICH ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO ONE OR MORE DELEGATIONS. UNABLE TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER, THE DRAFTING GROUP PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE AT THIS PREPCOM TO TRY ON AN AD HOC BASIS TO SEEK TO REWRITE AND AS FAR AS POSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE BRAC-

KETS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT DIFFERENCES ON MAJOR ISSUES
(NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, SECURITY ASSURANCES, NON-
PROLIFERATION) WILL BE CARRIED OVER UNRESOLVED TO THE SSOD.
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